ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>03V-046</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 12, 2003 Date Faxed: February 13, 2003

MANUFACTURER: Charles Machine Works, Inc.

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SUBJECT: 17 Charles Machine 2002-2003 Ditch Witch T9S trailers equipped with hydraulic brakes and shipped from April 24, 2002 through January 28, 2003. The breakaway brakes do not work. If the trailer detaches from the tow vehicle, there will be no braking capability.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers as well as an estimated owner notification schedule.

If you have any questions, please call:

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